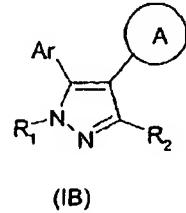
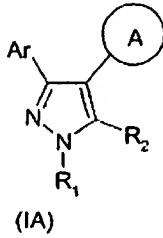


The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (IA) or (IB) or a salt, or N-oxide, hydrate or solvate thereof:

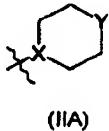


wherein

Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl group which is optionally further substituted in the 5-position,

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, hydroxyethyl, or benzyl;

ring A is a ring of formula (IIA)



wherein X represents N, and Y represents CH, O, S or NH,

wherein (i) a ring carbon is optionally substituted, and/or (ii) a ring nitrogen is optionally substituted by a group of formula -(Alk<sup>1</sup>)<sub>p</sub>-(Cyc)<sub>n</sub>-(Alk<sup>3</sup>)<sub>m</sub>-(Z)<sub>r</sub>-(Alk<sup>2</sup>)<sub>s</sub>-Q where

Alk<sup>1</sup>, Alk<sup>2</sup> and Alk<sup>3</sup> are optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl,

Cyc is an optionally substituted phenylene radical;

m, n, p, r and s are independently 0 or 1,

Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -C(=O)O-, -OC(=O)-, -NR<sup>A</sup>-, -C(=O)NR<sup>A</sup>-,

-NR<sup>A</sup>C(=O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>-, or -NR<sup>A</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- wherein R<sup>A</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, and

Q is hydrogen or an optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thiienyl, oxadiazolyl.

imidazolyl, or morpholinyl-carboyclic or heterocyclic radical; and wherein "optionally substituted" means substituted with up to four substituents, each of which is independently selected from (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, mercapto, mercapto(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, halo, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, nitrile, oxo, phenyl, -COOH, -COOR<sup>A</sup>, -COR<sup>A</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>A</sup>, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHNH<sub>2</sub>; -CONHNHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONHNR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHR<sup>A</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -OCONH<sub>2</sub>, -OCONHR<sup>A</sup>, -OCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NHCOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCOOR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>COOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCONH<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONH<sub>2</sub>, -NHCONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NHCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, and -NR<sup>A</sup>CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup> wherein R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are independently a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group.

Claims 2-8 (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> are each hydrogen.

Claims 10-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 9 wherein in the ring of formula (IIA), Y is - NR<sup>A</sup> - wherein R<sup>A</sup> is a radical of formula -(Alk<sup>1</sup>)<sub>s</sub>-Q, wherein Alk<sup>1</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkylene radical and Q is optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thienyl, oxadiazolyl, imidazolyl or morpholinyl, wherein optionally substituted means substituted with up to four substituents, each of which is independently selected from (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, mercapto, mercapto(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, halo, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, nitrile, oxo, phenyl, -COOH, -COOR<sup>A</sup>, -COR<sup>A</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>A</sup>, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHNH<sub>2</sub>; -CONHNHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONHNR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHR<sup>A</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -OCONH<sub>2</sub>, -OCONHR<sup>A</sup>, -OCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NHCOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCOOR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>COOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCONH<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONH<sub>2</sub>, -NHCONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NHCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, and -NR<sup>A</sup>CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup> wherein R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are independently a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group is defined as in claim 1.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 9 wherein in the ring of formula (IIA), Y is  $-NR^{\Delta}-$  wherein  $R^{\Delta}$  is a radical of formula  $-(Alk^1)_p-(Cyc)_n-(Alk^3)_m-(Z)_r-(Alk^2)_s-Q$  wherein ~~Alk<sup>1</sup>, Alk<sup>2</sup>, Alk<sup>3</sup>, Cyc, Z and Q are as defined in claim 1~~

Alk<sup>1</sup>, Alk<sup>2</sup> and Alk<sup>3</sup> are optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl.

Cyc is an optionally substituted phenylene radical:

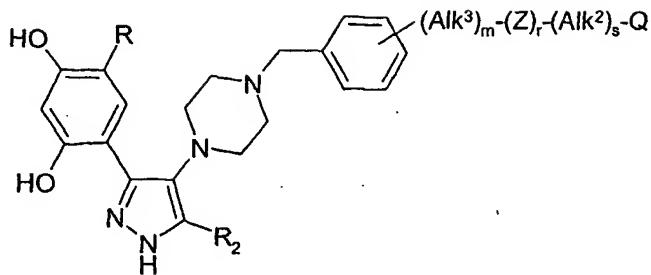
Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -C(=O)O-, -OC(=O)-, -NR<sup>A</sup>-, -C(=O)NR<sup>A</sup>-,

-NR<sup>A</sup>C(=O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>-, or -NR<sup>A</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- wherein R<sup>A</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, and

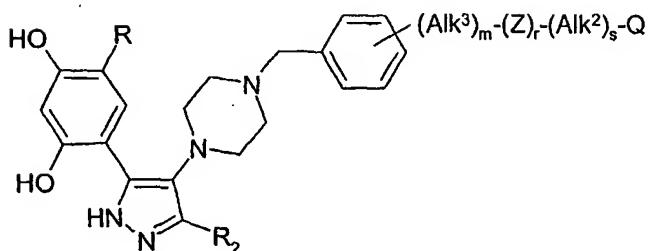
Q is an optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thienyl, oxadiazolyl, imidazolyl, or morpholinyl wherein "optionally substituted" means substituted with up to four substituents, each of which is independently selected from (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, mercapto, mercapto(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, halo, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, nitrile, oxo, phenyl, -COOH, -COOR<sup>A</sup>, -COR<sup>A</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>A</sup>, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHNH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHNHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONHNR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHR<sup>A</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -OCONH<sub>2</sub>, -OCONHR<sup>A</sup>, -OCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NHCOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCOOR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>COOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCONH<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONH<sub>2</sub>, -NHCONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NHCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, and -NR<sup>A</sup>CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup> wherein R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are independently a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (IC) or (ID) or a salt, or N-oxide, hydrate or solvate thereof:



(IC)



(ID)

wherein R is hydrogen, an optional substituent, chloro, bromo, or a phenylethyl group which is optionally substituted in the phenyl ring, and R<sub>2</sub>, m, r, s, Alk<sup>3</sup>, Z, Alk<sup>2</sup> and optionally substituted are as defined in claim 1

R<sub>2</sub> is independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, hydroxyethyl, or benzyl;

Alk<sup>2</sup> and Alk<sup>3</sup> are optionally substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl,

m, r and s are independently 0 or 1,

Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -C(=O)O-, -OC(=O)-, -NR<sup>A</sup>-, -C(=O)NR<sup>A</sup>-,

-NR<sup>A</sup>C(=O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>-, or -NR<sup>A</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>- wherein R<sup>A</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, and

Q is an optionally substituted phenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thienyl, oxadiazolyl, imidazolyl, or morpholinyl,

wherein "optionally substituted" means substituted with up to four substituents, each of which is independently selected from (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, mercapto, mercapto(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, halo, trifluoromethyl,

trifluoromethoxy, nitro, nitrile, oxo, phenyl, -COOH, -COOR<sup>A</sup>, -COR<sup>A</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>A</sup>, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHNH<sub>2</sub>; -CONHNHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONHNR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHR<sup>A</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -OCONH<sub>2</sub>, -OCONHR<sup>A</sup>, -OCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NHCOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCOOR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>COOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCONH<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONH<sub>2</sub>, -NHCONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NHCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, and -NR<sup>A</sup>CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup> wherein R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are independently a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 17 wherein [[n]]m is 0, r is 1, and Z is -C(=O)NH-.

Claims 21 – 27 (Canceled)

28. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 13 wherein Ar is a 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl group which is further substituted in the 5-position by chloro or bromo; or by optionally substituted phenyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl; or by a phenylethyl group which is optionally substituted in the phenyl ring thereof, and wherein "optionally substituted" is -means substituted with up to four substituents, each of which is independently selected from (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxy(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, mercapto, mercapto(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, halo, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, nitrile, oxo, phenyl, -COOH, -COOR<sup>A</sup>, -COR<sup>A</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>A</sup>, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHNH<sub>2</sub>; -CONHNHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONHNR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -CONHR<sup>A</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>A</sup>, -CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -OCONH<sub>2</sub>, -OCONHR<sup>A</sup>, -OCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, -NHCOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCOOR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>COOR<sup>A</sup>, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NR<sup>B</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>A</sup>, -NHCONH<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONH<sub>2</sub>, -NHCONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NR<sup>A</sup>CONHR<sup>B</sup>, -NHCONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup>, and -NR<sup>A</sup>CONR<sup>A</sup>R<sup>B</sup> wherein R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are independently a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl group as defined in claim 1.